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WEEKLY RECAP

Hearings

On March 6th, Office of Water AA Dave Ross testified before the House Oversight and Reform Committee on the PFAS Action Plan. More information is available [[HYPERLINK "https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/examining-pfas-chemicals-and-their-risks"](https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/examining-pfas-chemicals-and-their-risks)].

On March 5th, The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety held a hearing entitled, *"States' Role in Protecting Air Quality: Principles of Cooperative Federalism."* There were no federal witnesses.

On March 5th, The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold a hearing to Examine the Electricity Sector in a Changing Climate. There were no federal witnesses.

On March 7th, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing on Clean Water SRFs. More information is available [[HYPERLINK "https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/the-clean-water-state-revolving-fund-how-federal-infrastructure-investment-can-help-communities-modernize-water-infrastructure-and-address-affordability-challenges"](https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/the-clean-water-state-revolving-fund-how-federal-infrastructure-investment-can-help-communities-modernize-water-infrastructure-and-address-affordability-challenges)].

Meetings

On March 2nd, Lee Forsgren addressed the National Association of Counties' Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee (EELU) as part of NACo's Annual Legislative Conference, being held March 2 – 6, 2019, at the Washington Hilton.

On March 5th and 6th, Region 5 RA Cathy Stepp visited with newly elected Members from Region 5 including Sen. Braun, Rep. Casten (IL-06), Rep. Stauber (MN-08), Rep. Craig (MN-02), and Rep. Gonzalez (OH-16).

On March 5th, OCIR and OW met with White House IGA and City of Morro Bay, CA to discuss the city's Water Reclamation Facility Project.

On March 6th, Administrator Andrew Wheeler met with San Diego County Supervisor and outgoing NACo President Greg Cox (R-CA) to discuss possible paths forward to address long-term environmental and public health problems posed by decades of cross-boundary sewage, sediment and trash that flow into San Diego County's coastal waterways.



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On March 6th, Region 6 RA Isdal met with Rep. Womack and staff from the Arkansas Senate delegation. She also met with staff for Senator Kennedy.

On March 8th, Administrator Andrew Wheeler met with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation per request of Region 3.

LOOK-A-HEAD

- Mar. 10-13 The National League of Cities will convene its Annual Congressional City Conference (CCC) in Washington, D.C. EPA has several staff members participating in the committee meetings listed below.
- Mar. 12 The House Oversight and Reform committee will hold a hearing titled *Examining the Public Health Risks of Carcinogens in Consumer Products*. More information is available [[HYPERLINK "https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/examining-the-public-health-risks-of-carcinogens-in-consumer-products"](https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/examining-the-public-health-risks-of-carcinogens-in-consumer-products)].
- Mar. 13 The House Oversight and Reform committee will hold a hearing on FOIA. Tim Epp from the Office of General Counsel will testify on EPA's behalf. More information is available [[HYPERLINK "https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/foia-examining-transparency-under-the-trump-administration"](https://oversight.house.gov/legislation/hearings/foia-examining-transparency-under-the-trump-administration)].
- Mar. 14 The House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled *"Mismanaging Chemical Risks: EPA's failure to Protect Workers."* More information is available [[HYPERLINK "https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-mismanaging-chemical-risks-epa-s-failure-to-protect-workers"](https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-mismanaging-chemical-risks-epa-s-failure-to-protect-workers)].
- Mar-Apr Over the coming weeks, EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers will continue engaging with state, tribal, and local governments as well as other stakeholders on the proposed rule for the revised definition of Waters of the U.S. It's an opportunity for state co-regulators engagements, including a March 11th states meeting in Atlanta, Georgia; a March 26th states meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and a state meeting April 3rd in Seattle, Washington.

STORIES OF INTEREST

CONGRESS:

- POLITICO Pro: EPA downplays former Koch official's role in PFAS plan [[HYPERLINK "http://go.politicoemail.com/?qs=b60cda5584fb98ec651f680bef05bec40c981ab9b0d740d0fc3f56c18306d9a962232688f7ee9e84a74ddef639b98053"](http://go.politicoemail.com/?qs=b60cda5584fb98ec651f680bef05bec40c981ab9b0d740d0fc3f56c18306d9a962232688f7ee9e84a74ddef639b98053)]



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- Productive meeting with Supervisor Cox [[HYPERLINK](https://twitter.com/SupervisorCox/status/1103421242558734336)
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